

Camphor production in the Country

4600. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total value of Camphor produced in the country, both in quantity and value;

(b) what is the total consumption of Camphor in the country; and

(c) whether it is exported and if so, what is the total quantity exported and its value?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) The production and value of Camphor for the last three years as per reports of major producers is as below:

Year	Production MT	Value Rs. in crore
1998-99	5875	60.47
1999-00	6268	55.44
2000-01	6497	57.59

(b) Government has neither conducted any study on demand & supply of Camphor in the country, nor shortages of Camphor have been reported in recent past.

(c) Yes, Sir. The export of Camphor during 1998-99 was 290 MT valued at Rs. 2.94 Crore